

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2280

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2077

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred  
S.B. No. 2077 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE MAUI FOOD INNOVATION  
CENTER,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds for renovation and equipment for a value-added food production and business incubation facility located in the former campus cafeteria kitchen of the University of Hawaii Maui College, known as the Maui Food Innovation Center.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii Community Colleges; University of Hawaii Maui College; Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation; Hawaii Technology Development Corporation; Hawaii Food Manufacturers Association; Food Spectrum, LLC; Whole Foods Market; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the renovation and equipping of the Maui Food Innovation Center would improve the economic stability and capacity of farmers, ranchers, and fishermen; agricultural cooperatives; food entrepreneurs; existing small and mid-sized food companies; retail and food service establishments; Native Hawaiian cultural agriculture; and community food programs by providing access to research and development capabilities, food business planning, market research, quality assurance and food safety, product and process development, and other services not currently available in Maui County.



Your Committee further finds that the Maui Food Innovation Center will also build on the Maui Culinary Academy program at the University of Hawaii Maui College by providing faculty and students with opportunities for applied research, experiential learning, and workforce development and training within an expanding and evolving food industry.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2077 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

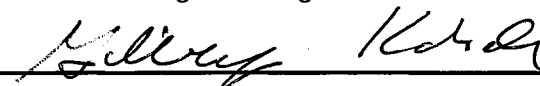
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Higher Education,

  
BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Higher Education**  
**HRE**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 2077	HRE, WAM	2/06/2014
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____		
The Recommendation is:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
Nay	Excused	
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓	
KAHELE, Gilbert (VC)	✓	
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓	
IGE, David Y.	✓	
KIDANI, Michelle N.	✓	
TOKUDA, Jill N.		
SLOM, Sam		✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	5	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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